As part of the response efforts to the Deepwater Horizon incident, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is forwarding information on behalf of the Unified Command located in Houma, Louisiana.

General guidance approved by the Unified Command is as follows:

If an obviously oiled bird is found on an offshore rig, platform or boat, a call should be made to the Oiled and Injured Wildlife Hotline (1-866-557-1401) providing the following information:

- Name of caller
- Telephone number
- Name of rig/platform
- Location (lat-long)
- Status of bird

The Wildlife Branch will call the rig/platform to confirm condition of bird and to coordinate recovery and transport of the bird. A determination of appropriate response will be made by the Wildlife Branch.

If the oiled wildlife is found and captured on any offshore facility, rig or vessel, the wildlife should be placed in an appropriate size cardboard box with adequate ventilation and placed out of the sun. The Oiled and Injured Wildlife Hotline (1-866-557-1401) must be notified of the status of the wildlife and arrange for transport.

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